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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s):

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Examiner: B. E. Bunner

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Title: Novel Human G Protein Coupled Receptor

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION **DATED MARCH 15, 2004**

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

The Applicants acknowledge the receipt of the Office Action ("the Action") mailed on March 15, 2004 (Paper No. 03082004), which has been carefully reviewed and studied. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. In order to facilitate the Examiner's evaluation of the application, Applicants have attempted to address the objections and rejections in the same order in which they were originally raised.

A Petition for an Extension of Time of two months to and including August 15, 2004, which falls on a Sunday and is therefore extended until Monday August 16, 2004 and authorization to deduct the fee as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2) from Applicants' representatives Deposit Account are included. The response is thus timely filed. Applicants believe no fees in addition to the fee for the extension of time are due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0892.